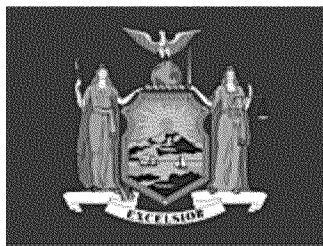


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N.Y. Plans to Sue EPA Over Long Island Sound Dumping



Snapshot

- New York Gov. Cuomo says state intends to challenge EPA plan to dump dredge spoils in Eastern Long Island Sound
- Says site designation would go against 2005 federal-state agreement, harm natural resources

By *John Herzfeld*

Dec. 6 — New York intends to sue the Environmental Protection Agency over its plan to designate a permanent disposal site for dredged material off the coast of Eastern Long Island, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo (D) said Dec. 6.

In a letter of intent to sue, Cuomo told the EPA that the designation is a direct violation of criteria outlined in the Ocean Dumping Act.

“Continuing to use this precious economic and ecological resource as a dumping ground is unacceptable and, on behalf of current and future generations of New Yorkers, we intend to fight this decision using any and all legal means,” he said.

The state must wait 60 days before filing its legal claim against the EPA.

In 2005, Cuomo said, the EPA backed New York's call to set a regulatory goal of reducing or eliminating dredged material disposal in the open waters of the sound. The agency's plan to allow new dumping sites in eastern Long Island Sound contradicts this agreement, he said.

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